

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claim versions and listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A program development support apparatus comprising:

a CPU (Central Processing Unit) for executing a target program and outputting instruction address/instruction code data; event management means for asserting and outputting a section trace start signal upon detecting that the instruction address/instruction code data from said CPU matches at least one of a predetermined instruction address and a predetermined instruction code set as an event condition in advance;

trace data generation means for, when an instruction code of the instruction address/instruction code data from said CPU is a branch instruction, or the section trace start signal from said event management means is active, outputting an uncompressed instruction address as trace data; when the section trace start signal from said event management means is active, outputting the uncompressed instruction address as the trace data; and when the instruction address of the instruction address/instruction code data is not the branch instruction; and the section trace start signal is not active, for generating a plurality of compressed instruction addresses by compressing the instruction address of the instruction address/instruction code data; and then combining the compressed instruction addresses, and outputting the compressed instruction addresses as the trace data; and

a trace memory for storing the trace data from said trace data generation means,

wherein the predetermined instruction code is different from a branch instruction.

2. (Currently Amended) An The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said event management means keeps a data latch signal active during a predetermined period and outputting the data latch signal[[,]]; and
said trace data generation means receives the instruction address/instruction code data from said CPU and the section trace start signal from said event management means and, when the data latch signal from said event management means is active, latches the instruction address/instruction code data.

3. (Currently Amended) An The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said event management means comprises:
event setting means in which event setting data containing the predetermined instruction address/instruction code as the event condition and the active period of the data latch signal are set in advance[[,]]; and
event detection means for, upon detecting that the instruction address/instruction code contained in the event setting data output from said event setting means matches the instruction address/instruction code of the instruction address/instruction code data from said CPU, asserting and outputting the section trace start signal and asserting the data latch signal during the active period set in said event

setting means and outputting the data latch signal.

4. (Currently Amended) AnThe apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said trace data generation means comprises:

instruction address/instruction code latch means for latching the
instruction address/instruction code data from said CPU during the active period of the
data latch signal and outputting the instruction address/instruction code[[,]]; |

instruction address data compression means for, when a received
uncompressed data selection signal is active, outputting the instruction address from said
instruction address/instruction code latch means as the compressed instruction address,
and when the uncompressed data selection signal is not active, outputting difference data
obtained by subtracting an immediately preceding instruction address from a current
instruction address as the compressed instruction address[[,]]; |

branch instruction determination means for determining whether the
instruction code from said instruction address/instruction code latch means is the branch
instruction, and upon determining that the instruction code is the branch instruction,
asserting and outputting a branch instruction detection signal[[,]]; |

trace control means for, when the received uncompressed data selection
signal is active, outputting the compressed instruction address from said instruction
address data compression means as trace data, and when the uncompressed data selection
signal is not active, combining a plurality of continuously received compressed
instruction addresses in accordance with a bit width of said trace memory and outputting
the combined instruction addresses as the trace data, and outputting a trace data write

signal for instructing said trace memory to write the trace data and a trace memory address for designating a storage address of said trace memory[[],]; and,

OR means for asserting and outputting the uncompressed data selection signal when at least one of the branch instruction detection signal from said branch instruction determination means and the section trace start signal from said event management means is active.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said apparatus further comprises:

frame address comparison means for asserting and outputting a frame match signal when the instruction address/instruction code contained in the event setting data output from said event setting means matches the trace memory address from said trace control means[[],]; and,

said OR means assertsasserting and outputsoutputting the uncompressed data selection signal when at least one of the branch instruction detection signal from said branch instruction determination means, the section trace start signal from said event detection means, and the frame match signal from said frame address comparison means is active.

6. (Currently Amended) A program development support apparatus comprising:

a trace memory for compressing and storing an instruction address that has tracedtraces an instruction in a program; and

event detection means for, upon detecting at least one of a preset predetermined instruction address and a predetermined instruction code, controlling to write an instruction address, in at which at least one of the predetermined instruction address and the predetermined instruction code is stored, in said trace memory as uncompressed data,

wherein the predetermined instruction code is different from a branch instruction.